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Death crash sparks M1 safety questions

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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THE city's senior coroner is calling for a review into the safety of the Milton Keynes junction of the M1 after a 35-year-old woman died.

It follows four serious crashes taking place near junction 14 of the motorway in just three days.

Yesterday an inquest was opened into the death of Ayse Yalcinkaya, who was waiting in stationary traffic at the junction 14 exit when a heavy goods vehicle crashed into the back of her black Volkswagen Golf.

The accident on the northbound carriageway at 7.55am last Wednesday resulted in a five vehicle pile-up.

Mrs Yalcinkaya, who worked at Network Rail and was just about to celebrate her first wedding anniversary, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Senior coroner Tom Osborne said: "I would like the full inquest [into Mrs Yalcinkaya's death] to look into concerns over queuing at the junction 14 exit of the M1."

Three occupants of the other vehicles involved in the crash were taken to Milton Keynes University Hospital, but have since been discharged.

Just two days after this accident there were three more serious crashes on the M1.

Just after midnight on Friday a van and a lorry collided on the northbound carriageway, closing the road.

Shortly after it was reopened a car and a van crashed on the same stretch of road.

M1 crash: The scene after police officers and paramedics were called to the motorway following the crash last Wednesday

Later the same morning two lorries and a car crashed on the southbound carriageway.

Between 2012 and 2014 Thames Valley Police recorded 16 accidents at junction 14 – three of them on the exit slip road and three that resulted in fatalities. So far this year MK NEWS has reported more than 16 accidents on that stretch of the motorway, including five fatalities.

Highways England has told this newspaper that safety is a 'top priority' and the road is 'continually under review'.

As part of a £1.5billion investment in 2016/2017 extra lanes will be constructed on the M1 between junctions 13 and 16 and the hard shoulder will used in heavy traffic.

A Highways England spokesman said: "Safety is a top priority and we keep safety on our network continually under review.

"There is nothing at this stage to link the incidents that occurred on the M1."

A full inquest into the death of Mrs Yalcinkaya, from Elstow in Bedfordshire, is due to be held in February.

A 55-year-old man from Warwickshire, who was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving, has been released on bail until September 5.

You have your say on the M1

Send comments on stories to letters@mk-news.co.uk

Tina Millar: "The M1 needs to be looked at, there are accidents every day on it in the section from junction 11 to junction 15, it's becoming a death trap."
Nadine Nelson: "I used to love driving on the motorway over 15 years ago. Now I avoid it the best I can because it is so dangerous.
Beverley Williams: "It needs to be looked into as soon as possible."
Richard White: "Out of all the motorways this section must be heading towards the top accident blackspot."
Marian Woollard: "Same bit every day it seems."
Shaz A Muhammad: "My friend just survived a car crash with her three kids in the car. Fortunately for all of them they got away with injuries and there were no serious casualties, however, looking at the car it could have been a lot worse! People need to really consider how they are driving and be aware that it takes a split second to change the difference between life and death. Condolences to the family who have lost a loved one in this accident."
Janine Haynes: "Thoughts are with the woman's family and friends. How awful."
Nadia Slatch: "I passed there earlier. Thoughts are with the family."
Paul Callaghan: "How many more people have to lose their lives? How many more hours do drivers have to sit on that poxy M1? When are the police in this country going start patrolling the motorways and make them safe instead of relying on those stupid cameras all the time?"
John Mitchell: "There are loads of cameras but there are still loads of accidents."
Robert Tavender: "The M1 is a joke. Sad news about the lady who passed away and others that were involved, there's got to be something done to sort this out."
Evelyn Perkins: "R.I.P. How many more lives to be lost or affected by this road, especially this junction of M1?"
Katie Dellow: "That road is horrible, too many people losing their lives."

Calling for phone line to be fixed

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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BUSINESSES claim they have lost thousands of pounds after a problem with a BT underground cable left them without access to landlines or the internet.

Over a hundred properties in Woburn Sands have been affected by the problem, with some businesses unable to take bookings or payments by card. Residents have also had to resort to mobile phones, causing problems for those working from home.

The issues started as early as July 20 for some and several BT customers claim they have been told the earliest the problem will be fixed is tomorrow.

Damien West, 30, owner of Nonna's Restaurant, which has not had a working card machine for more than two weeks, said: "All of my card machines are still down. About 15 people had to leave without paying because they didn't have cash so I took a note of their names and will have to trust them to pay it.

"The bookings last week were absolutely dead. We're normally fully booked on Fridays and Saturdays but last week I have eight bookings for Friday. Normally I have 80."

Another business suffering because of the connection problems is The Fir Tree Inn, which has struggled to take bookings for tables or rooms without a landline or internet connection.

Amanda Knox, 34, the pub's manager, said: "The rooms are normally packed. Sometimes they are booked two or three weeks in advance. But we can't respond to email enquiries and couldn't use the phones again until recently."

Disconnected: Damien West, owner of Nonna's Restaurant, which has not been able to take payments by card for weeks

BT said it is doing everything it can to fix the problem and apologised for the delay. A BT spokesman said: "We have had an underground cable which has developed faults. Engineers have assessed the problem and have had to replace around 100 metres of affected cabling, before reconnection works can be then be done."

A new chapter in the history of city library

MILTON Keynes Central Library has been designated as a Grade II-listed building.

The library was granted the status on Saturday by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, along with six other libraries.

In its reasons for designation, the organisation behind the listings, Historic England, described the building as 'a commanding façade'.

It adds: "Located directly opposite the listed shopping building, it is a contrasting and complementary composition designed as a prestigious addition to the civic and commercial town centre."

The library as it stands today is the first phase of a what was intended to be a much larger building, which would have included a museum and offices, had it been completed.

But it received rave reviews from architects when it first opened in 1981.

Paul Sanders, assistant director for community facilities at MK Council, said: "I was delighted to learn that our library was listed by Historic England.

"It is an iconic building that provides fantastic community resources for our residents."

Do you think the library should have been listed? **letters@mk-news.co.uk**

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Claims staff not able to find child

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A MUM was 'absolutely livid' and claims staff at a nursery didn't know where a child was when her mother arrived to pick her up.

A mother went to collect her two daughters from The Centre MK Day Nursery in Eelbrook Avenue, Bradwell Common, but staff were unable to find the eldest child.

She claims it took 10 minutes for them to locate the youngster, who was found sleeping in one of the rooms at the nursery.

The mum, who sends her children to the nursery, told MK NEWS: "She was just left unattended. I think what has happened is unacceptable and it is quite clear to me that there has been a breach of policy. I'm absolutely livid and shocked by this."

The facility is run by Asquith Nurseries, which has apologised for the incident, adding procedures have been reviewed to make sure it doesn't happen again.

A statement said: "Following an issue at The Centre MK Day Nursery, where we unfortunately failed to communicate satisfactorily that a child was sleeping in one of our nursery rooms when a parent came to collect, we have apologised profusely to the mother concerned.

"We would like to stress that at no time was the child in any danger; indeed our rooms are monitored by CCTV.

"However, we have reviewed our procedures to ensure all staff recognise the importance of communicating effectively concerning the whereabouts of children in our care.

"We are pleased to say the child continues to attend our nursery and the mother is reassured by the steps we have taken. We would like to reiterate the safety and well-being of all children and staff is our number one priority."

Shrek competition is ogre

AFTER dozens of ShrekSelfies were entered into our competition the winners have been revealed.

Gemma Devereaux's picture of her daughters Lily and Evie and Sophie Barby's image of her grandfather William Lewis were picked by MK NEWS editor Cally Jenkins.

They each win a family ticket to see Shrek The Musical, which opens at Milton Keynes Theatre on August 18.

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OAP tricked in home

AN ELDERLY woman in Tweed Drive, Bletchley, was tricked by a burglar in her home who pretended to be from the water board on July 22. More at **onemk.co.uk**

Fall database set up

MILTON Keynes Council will use £300,000 in funding to set up a central database of pensioners at risk of falling over so it can improve their homes and try to reduce the number of hospital admissions.

On hunt for vandal

COUNCILLOR Nigel Long is on the hunt for a graffiti vandal in Furzton. More online at **onemk.co.uk**

Baby's tragic drowning in bath

A TWO-YEAR-OLD boy tragically drowned in the bath next to his four-year-old brother in a 'tragic accident'.

The mother of Edward Warner-Simpson faced what senior coroner Tom Osborne called 'every parent's worst nightmare' when she returned from a two-minute trip to her bedroom to find the youngster 'face down' in the water at the home in Dorchester Avenue.

He died four days later on April 17 at the John Radcliffe Hospital. His death was ruled an accident at MK Coroners' Court yesterday.

Trio bailed for club assault

THREE men were arrested after bar staff at the Slug & Lettuce were assaulted – including one doorman being bitten on the finger.

One of the men had just been removed from the venue when he and two others assaulted the doorman, aged 29, and two bar staff, who were punched in the head, at 9pm on Friday.

The men, who are all from Milton Keynes, were arrested on suspicion of assault and released on police bail until August 23.

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This week's winning picture of Chepstow Local Park was taken by Beryle Argles

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Each week we will be giving two free tickets to upcoming events in one of the club's three venues across MK to the reader who sends in the best picture of our city.

The Comedy Cow is taking a summer break as the circuit heads to Edinburgh. But fear not, winners can use their tickets to choose from a host of stars coming to Milton Keynes from September.

For details on The Comedy Cow's future events visit www.thecomedycow.co.uk

Grandiose ideas

I DON'T want to dampen Ruth Campbell's excitement about recent and current planning applications (*Letters, MK NEWS, July 29*) but she should know:

1. When Midsummer Place got approval in the late '90s it was supposed to provide an undercover experience, something like Covent Garden, with a performance area and backstage facilities to support it. No-one seems to know what happened to that.

2. The mock up of Midsummer Place looked just as exciting as the visuals for the proposed revamp. Compare and contrast with what we actually got.

What groups such as Xplain and Urban Eden are trying to do is to protect structures that make MK special, knowing full well how easy it is to 'excite' people with grandiose ideas that never come to fruition.

Commercial developers have to prioritise the interests of their investors, not the interests of the people of Milton Keynes. Only the people of MK can do that.

Georgina Baidoun
Downs Barn

Trains also cramped

THE figures for delays affecting returning commuters from Euston will not surprise regulars like me (*MK NEWS, July 29*).

What they don't mention are the cramped conditions and the problems getting a seat.

It may surprise some to learn there are services at 17.10 and 18.10 operated by Virgin, which carry few passengers, as a rule.

These are not advertised as they are not intended for passengers returning to MK, only those choosing to travel north.

Even a full-price ticket to MK won't avoid a penalty fare to Nuneaton if you are foolish enough to board. That's right, passengers can get on these trains in Milton Keynes but not alight.

It wouldn't be hard to change the policy, free up space for commuters and earn some revenue for Virgin. But apparently that's not in the franchise.

You could call it mad, but what do we know? We don't run the railways, we just travel on them.

Jeremy Hayes
Sent via email

Bring back the tree

I'M disappointed the management of Harvester removed the Christmas tree (*MK NEWS, July 29*).

I wonder how many of the people who complained, also complain to travel agents who advertise summer holidays as soon as Boxing Day is over.

Get a life, it's an advert.

Ron Parsons
Bletchley

In praise of pink sacks

I'M so pleased the council will be delivering pink sacks again. Keep up the good work.

As a pensioner, I was amused by statements about the council supplying us all with at least three wheelie bins.

Many houses in Wolverton are terraced and have to leave bags in front of the house on collection day. This is easier than dragging bins through the house or round the back.

I am lucky enough to have a garage to hide my garden waste bin but having three would make me leave some outside the house or on the path.

I have used pink and black bags for years and never once had birds or animals break them open – I do not put smelly things into these bags so they are not attracted to what's inside.

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Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

IT'S often said that we don't appreciate things that are right on our own doorstep.

And in Milton Keynes we are fortunate enough to have some great and unique things, many of which have been featured in this column.

Not many people realise that, outside of the West End of London, Milton Keynes Theatre – currently celebrating its 15th year – is one of the most successful theatres in the country.

I must confess to not being a great lover of theatrical drama. To me, it doesn't matter who's in the cast, it always feels like a school play with over-exaggerated expressions, and forearms to the head fainting (picture it in your mind and you'll know what I mean).

But I came across the autumn programme for the theatre this week and there is a great variety of shows and productions featured. Of course, there are the obligatory musicals such as Love Me Tender – the official Elvis musical, That'll Be The Day – a rock 'n' roll variety 'extravaganza' and Jackson Live – the official Michael Jackson tribute.

But delve a little closer and there are some good artistes including The Hollies, Squeeze (minus Jools Holland) and UB40, who once played the Bowl.

Even Tommy Steele crops up in The Glenn Miller Story.

Personally, I like the look of the Paul Carrack gig and Frankly Sinatra, which celebrates the great singer's centenary.

So, with a West End quality venue right on our doorstep, and an autumn programme which has something for everyone, if you've never been to Milton Keynes Theatre, there's probably no better time to go!

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New development: An artist's impression of how the marina would look

£88m plan for marina floated

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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CAMPBELL Park's canalside will be transformed into a bustling marina in a £88million plan for 300 homes, a nursery, pub and restaurant.

Milton Keynes Development Partnership (MKDP) announced details of the plans on Friday and has partnered with property builders Crest Nicholson Regeneration.

The plans for the 15-acre site close to the city centre include more than 300 homes of various styles and sizes with car parking, a local convenience store, café, restaurant, nursery and pub.

It also includes a 100-berth marina intended to form the start of the proposed Bedford to Milton Keynes canal link.

MKDP was impressed by Crest Nicholson's proposals for a mixed development of housing and local amenities, which it hopes meets the needs of the people and businesses of Milton Keynes and is a positive addition to the centre.

MKDP chief executive Charles Macdonald said: "We are incredibly excited by Crest's proposals for the site and the positive impact this development will have on Campbell Park, the surrounding area and Milton Keynes as a whole.

"While a lot of detailed design work needs to be undertaken, the commitment from Crest to deliver a wide range of facilities early in the scheme's construction will set the tone for the developer to follow.

"This process wouldn't have been possible without the input of many interested, local parties and we are grateful for their time and their valuable opinions."

It has taken 12 months for the architects to draw up the plans for the marina.

There will be a more detailed public consultation over the coming months to allow residents and those working in Milton Keynes to have their say.

Your views on marina plans

Send comments on stories to letters@mk-news.co.uk

Readers have been posting their views on MK NEWS' Facebook and Twitter pages.

Susan Hassett: **"How is this going to impact on Campbell Park and how much of it will be lost?"**

Chris Blackwell: **"First the Bedford to MK waterway needs building. The £26million needed to build it isn't going to drop from the sky."**

Reynet Emmanuelle: **"It's a joke right? Campbell Park is amazing. Why do you want to destroy it? MK already has hardly any charms so if you destroy the little there is where are we going?!"**

Mikki Thomas @mikkimu: **"Will we be able to afford to live there?"**

Matt Neal @bear_neals: **"Looks great."**

Can MK cope with extra 98,000 people?

MILTON Keynes Council is planning to increase the city's population to 360,000 by 2031, a councillor has revealed, with research suggesting 20,000 people will arrive in the next five years.

According to Cllr John Bint, the population of the city was originally meant to reach 250,000 but the council extended this to 360,000 – around 98,000 more than the current total.

Research by CBRE – a US commercial real estate firm – estimates 13 people will move to the city every day for the next five years, making its population growth twice the UK's average.

- If the population was 360,000 Milton Keynes would need:
  - An extra 508 hospital beds to match the national average of beds per person
  - Around 25 extra primary schools
  - 39,200 new homes for the extra 98,000 people
- It would make Milton Keynes the 11th biggest settlement in the UK

Cllr Bint said: "We aim to grow Milton Keynes, it is a deliberate choice."

A Milton Keynes Council spokesman told MK NEWS it plans to create 40,000 new jobs by 2026 and build two new health and social care facilities to cater for 40,000 patients.

The council also aims to build seven new schools and expand 12 more, creating 10,000 extra places. There are also plans for a new East-West rail route to connect Milton Keynes to Cambridge and Oxford.

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Purple sculpture set to rock CMK

WHAT YOU SAID:

Rebecca Pumford: "What about MK says giant purple foam rock? A replica of a real rock that already exists so there's no design there either. This just sounds ridiculous to me."
Kay Carter: "A sprayed lump of foam. Wow."
Robyn Holman: "What a waste of money! Can't afford to house people, to keep bus fares down or even parking fares down? But they can afford something that looks like Barney the dinosaurs [sic] excrement? MK – the land of stupidity."
Samantha Pancheri: "Okay , I love MK and our collection of frankly bizarre art, but this has got me stumped."
Cheryl Sligh: "I'm from LA, live and work in MK and can't figure out what's 'classy' about this."

The rock: What the sculpture by Sam Jacob, *right*, could look like

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A THREE-METRE purple sculpture will become part of the landscape in CMK after plans were approved by Milton Keynes Council.

Modelled to look like a rock, it has been designed by architect Sam Jacob, who was one of three winners of a competition aimed at bringing art into public spaces.

Work has already begun on the sculpture, which is being made out of high density foam and it is expected to be on display from early October.

Mr Jacob, from London, hopes the stone will reflect the history of Milton Keynes.

He said: "It comes out of the conversations I had with the original design team of Milton Keynes.

"The original designs reflected a love of Los Angeles and the sculpture is an attempt to combine classy LA with a much more ancient English history of landscapes.

The design, called the MK Menhir, is a replica of a stone from the ancient stone circle in Avebury, Wiltshire. It will be on display in Midsummer Boulevard for up to three years.

Mr Jacob added: "The original plan was that the sculpture should last two years but there is planning permission for three. It will be there for Milton Keynes' 50th anniversary celebrations."

Mr Jacob hopes the people of Milton Keynes will like the sculpture and says he has had positive reviews so far.

"I have had very good feedback from everyone I've spoken to and had quite a lot of dealings with Milton Keynes Gallery and we are all excited," he added.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Holiday warning

POLICE are warning people to not post about their holiday plans on social media. MK's top cop Gez Chiariello said: "Telling others that you are going away can provide easy pickings for criminals."

Crash victim inquest

A MAN from Milton Keynes who died in a crash in Gloucestershire on July 23 have been named. Richard Michie, 25, died after a collision with a lorry. A full inquest into his death is due to be held in January 2016.

Watch burglary

A BURGLAR stole Breitling Navitimer and Swatch watches, perfume and cash from a flat in Bletchley. The offender broke into the property in Millward Drive between 6am on July 14 and 3.40pm the following day. Call police on 101.

Drink driver hits police car

A DRIVER was arrested on Sunday after crashing into two cars – including a police traffic vehicle.

Thames Valley Police Road Policing Team told its 12,000 Twitter followers that the Mercedez driver crashed into another vehicle in Fishermead and then failed to stop. The driver then hit the police traffic car before he was arrested on suspicion of drink driving on Sunday at about 2pm.

Superintendent Chris Brown said: "Drinking and driving wrecks lives, most obviously the hundreds of victims and their loved ones who are killed each year.

"But it also changes the lives of the people who are selfish or stupid enough to drive when they are not fit to do so."

If you suspect that someone is drinking alcohol or taking drugs and then driving, call police on 101.

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FIREFIGHTERS had to rescue a man who had climbed to the top of The Point.

The man climbed to the top of the iconic former cinema in Midsummer Boulevard at 2.53am on Sunday.

It is unknown why the man climbed up, but he had to be rescued by firefighters.

Crews from Broughton and Great Holm used a turntable ladder, a 13.5-metre ladder and a nine-metre ladder to rescue the climber.

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End of the road for arena plan

BY SCOTT KIRK
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PLANS to build a multi-million pound badminton arena at The National Bowl have been scrapped because it would have cost too much to build and run.

The £22million scheme by Badminton England has been abandoned after three years of planning and now the organisation is trying to work out what to do next.

The aim was to create an arena that attracted world-class sport to the city, not just badminton, which already has its headquarters at Loughton Lodge.

Adrian Christy, chief executive of Badminton England, believes Milton Keynes has lost the chance for a facility that could have helped fulfil ambitions of helping it become an international sporting city.

"I'm hugely disappointed as we have invested three years trying to bring what was an amazing vision, not just for badminton, but sport in Milton Keynes," he said.

> Milton Keynes needed this arena because the Rugby World Cup will come and go
>
> **Adrian Christy**
> **Badminton England**

"What started as a funding gap that was manageable became one that was unmanageable.

"We need to let the dust settle now and we're going to think about what is possible.

"Milton Keynes needed this arena because the Rugby World Cup will come and go. I think it's a great shame.

"I don't think the project was too ambitious because circumstances came into play that made it difficult."

Those circumstances included what Mr Christy called an 'upturn in the construction industry', which added to the cost of getting the facility built and maintaining it once it was up and running.

Milton Keynes Council has similarly expressed its disappointment at the arena plans being scrapped.

Leader of the council Pete Marland said: "Obviously this is a huge blow, particularly as we put so much work into this project.

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Festival of urban culture cancelled

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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ORGANISERS of a festival celebrating urban culture claim they were forced to postpone the event as Milton Keynes Council and police feared it would be unsafe.

CurbanA Festival had been scheduled to take place at Willen Lake on Saturday with performers such as Flawless and So Solid Crew booked to take the stage.

But the organisers announced on Twitter that CurbanA was cancelled and went on to slam police for their role in the postponement.

Speaking exclusively to MK NEWS, festival director Dean Attil expressed his disappointment.

He said: "We were told it was too high risk to host CurbanA at Willen Lake. Police thought it was a high-risk line-up and there were concerns about how the crowd could be controlled.

"But there is no set demographic for urban music. Artists such as Dizzee Rascal, Skepta and Tinie Tempah are blowing out the charts and have got massive followings.

"I think it is down to a stigma around urban culture."

Disappointed: Dean Attil

Festival organisers tried desperately to stage the event at alternative venues, such as the Arena:MK and Wonderworld, but were denied on the same grounds.

MK NEWS asked the council if the festival line-up was deemed too high risk.

In response, its Safety Advisory Group, along with Thames Valley Police, said that, despite repeated requests, CurbanA organisers were unable to provide the necessary safety documentation in time.

Despite the setback, Mr Attil remains convinced the event will be held in the near future.

He added: "We have had a lot of angry customers because of the cancellation and we have had a lot of support since – we believe this event needs to happen."

"We're trying to find anywhere to host it this year but if not, we will definitely hold it next year.

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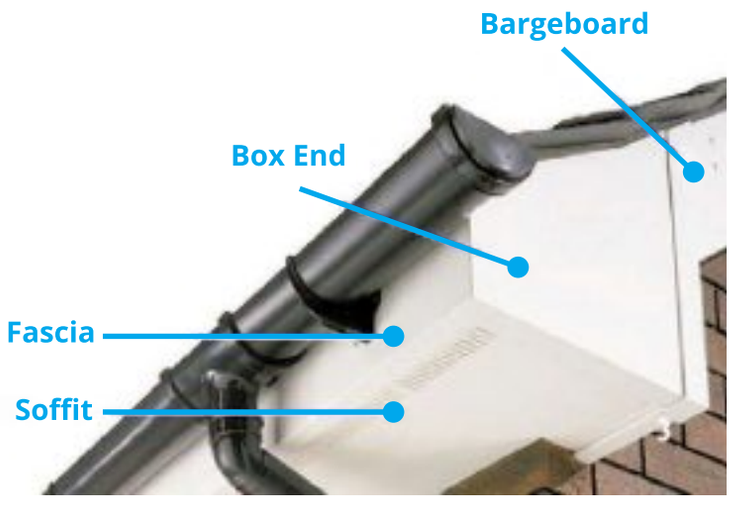

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‘A crafty seagull stole my iPhone’

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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A MAN from Milton Keynes got a shock when a seagull stole his mobile phone and dumped it in the sea.

Darryl Gatland, from Windmill Hill Drive, Bletchley, was on holiday in Cornwall with his family when the ‘theft’ of his iPhone 5s took place.

The criminal fines worker was taken unawares by the crafty bird when crabbing in the sea.

The 38-year-old said: “I was down by the water with my family and my sister was taking photos, so I decided to get my phone out and started clicking away.

“I was looking at two seagulls when another one flew over and took my phone right out of my hand.

“It flew away with it for about 100 feet and then dropped it in the sea.”

Mr Gatland’s mum, Rita, had mistaken his phone for a body part.

“When the seagull took my phone, my mum thought it had taken my finger off. But my sister was shouting ‘It’s got his phone!’ I would rather it had been my finger to be honest, it’s such a pain not having one,” he said.

“I had said to my sister the phone was in mint condition – we’d been talking about it that morning, funnily enough.

“I’d had the phone for about 18 months and spent about £500 on the contract for it over that time, so it’s a bit of a pain.”

Mr Gatland’s phone was not insured and he had to get a new one after he returned from his holiday on Friday.

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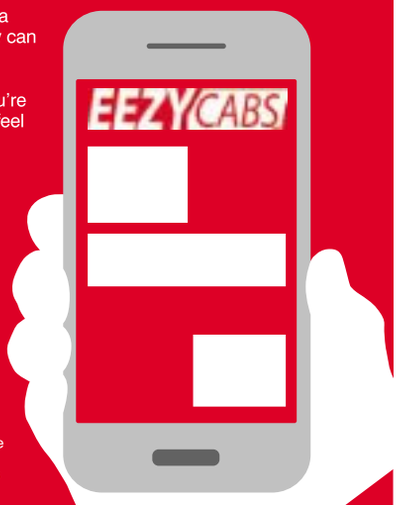

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Reassurance over match-day policing

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MILTON Keynes' top cop says Dons games this season will be policed according to the level of threat they pose.

Home Office figures show arrests in the Championship are nearly double those in League One, but Supt Gez Chiariello reassured fans they don't need to worry about any bother at matches in the city.

The LPA Commander for Milton Keynes said it is likely around eight or nine games will be policed this season because more fans are expected at stadiummk – up from around five last season.

Supt Chiariello did not mention which games would see a police presence, but Home Office statistics showing the number of fans from clubs who were arrested at away games two seasons ago suggest Derby County and Leeds United might be on the list.

"We review all of the information and make a risk assessment," said Supt Chiariello.

"We police according to the threat and it's based on all sorts of factors.

"It's a new experience this season and there are good teams coming down to stadiummk this season and I want people to be reassured."

Supt Chiariello also said there was no trouble when Dons entertained Manchester United at the stadium last August in front of a sell-out crowd of 26,969.

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Fears over cuts to benefits for young

BY MAY BULMAN
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WITH Milton Keynes' population age profile being younger than the national average, the Government's announcement it is axing housing benefits for 18-21 year-olds is unlikely to go by unnoticed in the city.

So, what will the effects be?

Milton Keynes YMCA, based in CMK, provides hostel bedrooms and more autonomous flats for vulnerable and homeless people aged 16 to 35. The organisation helps get young people into training, education and work by getting their lives stabilised and working with them on living skills.

It relies on the housing benefits of residents, but with more than 25 per cent of them in the 18-21 age bracket, the axing of financial aid for this age group will cause a sharp decrease in those eligible for the service. It may mean for many homeless young people in MK, the YMCA will no longer be an option.

Rebecca, a key support worker at the YMCA, said: "It's very short-sighted. Young people don't come to us because of a one-off argument at home. There are some really serious reasons, often because it would be safer here than to live in their family home, or because all other options have closed down for them. The fact is, if housing benefit isn't paying for accommodation here, we won't be able to keep supporting them in getting into work or education."

Helping hand: Raven, *left*, and Carrie receive support from YMCA

Carrie, 28, has been at the YMCA for nearly four years.

She said: "I was adopted when I was younger. When I was 18 it got to the point where I had to leave. I went through a really tough few years. The YMCA has given me a real confidence boost. I've grown up and become independent.

Despite the fear of cuts to housing benefit, residents admitted the current system has flaws.

Raven, 20, said: "Some people claiming housing benefit don't really need it. People abuse the system, but it's unfair for everyone to get punished for it."

While the Government has stated vulnerable groups will be excluded from the cuts, there has been no indication as to what will deem a claimant 'vulnerable' and how this will be assessed.

‘Reports of my death not true’

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN ALDERMAN and former town councillor has been is keen to let people know he hasn’t died – after people were shocked to see him alive in the supermarket.

Rumours had been flying around the city that Paul Bartlett had passed away.

But Mr Bartlett, who served as a councillor in Stony Stratford, has been keen to reassure people who know him that the rumours aren’t true.

He said: “There has been a rumour going around that I have died so in case you hear it, I am not.

“I was spotted in Tesco and Wolverton and a former colleague of mine looked surprised to see me as she thought I had gone to heaven. Unlikely, as hell is where some would like me to end up!”

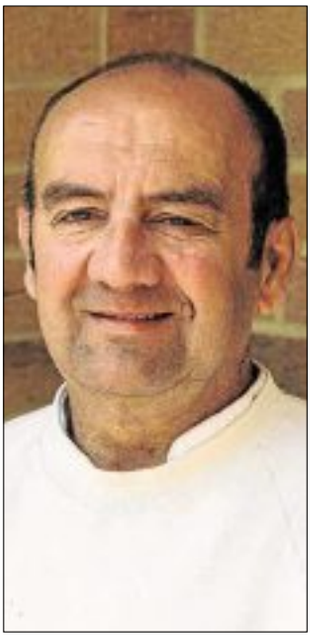
Mr Bartlett hit the national headlines in 2011 when he tried to ban smoking in Stony Stratford, making a number of enemies with the proposal – including UKIP leader Nigel Farage – and was even referred to as a ‘Health Hitler’ in the Daily Mail.

But he says, while it was ‘sad’ someone had appeared to have started rumours about him, he was trying to ‘see the funny side’.

He said: “People have even looked in the obituary columns. Maybe it was wishful thinking?

“I may have been asked to die of a heart attack from one person in Stony but, even with my dodgy heart, I intend to continue on this earth until MK Dons reach the Premier League.

“It is quite sad that someone could do this, but I try and see the funny side to it if I can. You have to be thick skinned when you’re involved in politics.”



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A homeless crisis

BY SARAH LEE
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"LIFE has never been harder," admits homeless man Andy Harrison, who says he has nowhere else to live after breaking up with his wife.

Currently living in a tent on a remote camp with five other men, 43-year-old Andy, previously from Oldbrook, says getting help is 'extremely difficult'.

Zoe Biscoe, a committee member at charity Help Our Homeless MK who has supported Andy from the beginning claims homeless men have it twice as bad – typically because women receive more support.

According to Data from the Rough Sleepers Group, there are more than twice as many homeless men in Milton Keynes than women.

In 2014, 421 households in Milton Keynes were waiting for council housing – 326 were headed by women, while 95 were headed by a male.

Unable to receive support, Andy, who has been homeless for six months, has been forced to reside in a small tent in a location infested with rats.

"The rats eat the little food I have and tear at the tent," he said. "I use the showers at Xscape and public toilets to clean myself, but even getting to the facilities is a trek, as my camp is located out of the way to avoid eviction.

"Being homeless is a complete shock to the system. You never think it's going to happen to you.

"Simple life routines such as eating, washing and sleeping have become difficult. Seeing a doctor, a dentist or applying for jobs just becomes impossible without an address."

Still bound to joint tenancy with his ex-wife, Andy cannot receive help from Milton Keynes Council – and if he quits the tenancy himself, then he has 'made himself homeless', again making him ineligible to receive support.

Zoe added: "Help our Homeless MK is doing its best to help by supplying water and hot meals but when pushing Andy's case at the council, a spokesman said 'he hasn't got a cat in hell's chance because he's a man'.

"What is there for men? He did the right thing leaving his wife but in return he is being forced to live in conditions RSPCA wouldn't allow a dog to live in.

"His situation is extremely desperate, yet he cannot get help from the council. He has lost so much weight in such a small space of time – it's frightening.

"I understand women with children are prioritised, but there are men out there who also need help."

Home: The camp where Andy Harrison is living with five men

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New technology will change Jaycee's life

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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A MOTHER-OF-THREE is hoping to raise £11,000 to buy life-changing equipment for her four-year-old daughter, who has a rare brain condition.

Jaycee O'Connor was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome, which stunts development of the brain, when she was 20 months old.

Now, mum Rebecca Hall wants to buy a speech-generating device from the Tobii I-Series to allow Jaycee to communicate and live a better quality of life.

Rebecca, 30, of Pipard, Great Linford, said:"Tobii I-Series technology is an amazing bit of equipment that will basically give her a life and allow Jaycee to tell me how she feels and what is wrong.

"One day, she might be able to tell me she loves me – it would be absolutely amazing.

"Every year of Jaycee's life so far, she has spent time in intensive care. We went to see a doctor in Oxford when she was about 15 months old.

"He immediately said he thought Jaycee had Rett Syndrome. It was heartbreaking to hear but we have come to terms with it and she is a happy little girl."

Support: Jaycee O'Connor with her family. *From left* Frankie, nine, Ronnie, three, and parents Dean and Rebecca

Rett Syndrome predominantly affects girls (one in every 12,000) and leads to rapid regression and a loss of skills, such as crawling or sitting. There is no cure, but Rebecca and partner Dean O'Connor are determined to give Jaycee the best quality of life possible.

Rebecca's aunt, Elaine Rose, has so far raised £470 in a sponsored weight loss but Rebecca is hoping to receive support beyond their immediate family and friends.

She added: "We want to get the word around and make people aware this disease is out there and that little girls are suffering every day. If I can give my daughter a little bit more of a life and if people are able to help, that would be brilliant."

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Thieves cause a £73k repair bill

BY SARAH LEE
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FIVE tonnes of lead were stripped from the roof of a medieval church by thieves – who left it behind.

Repairs to All Saints Church in Lathbury, along with the replacement lead, will cost £73,000, a trustee has claimed.

Speaking to MK NEWS, Tom Hart said: "The thieves left some of the lead behind but it's broken and it's unlikely it can be reused on the roof. We have estimated the repair and replacement cost is just an impossible amount to raise."

Police officers were called to the scene after the thieves removed the lead from the roof at the side of the church, which was left on the ground nearby. Black tarpaulin now covers the area so the place of worship, in Church Lane, can still be used.

Carolyn Davies, who lives in Lathbury, said: "The repairs and replacement lead will cost a frightening amount of money to be raised by the parish.

Fundraising: Tarpaulin now covers the side of Lathbury's church

"We are determined to raise as much of the money as possible. The church has some rare medieval wall paintings – but £73,000 will mean an awful lot of fetes and quizzes."

Anyone with information about the incident, which took place overnight between June 23 and 24, is urged to contact investigating officer PC Terry Capel at Milton Keynes Police Station on 101.

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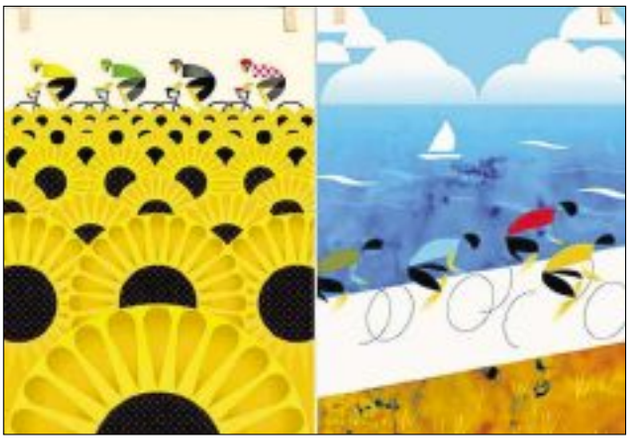

Ride Eat Drink: Some of the artwork being sold online through Richard White's shop thanks to help from artists, students and photographers

Riding for success

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A CYCLING fanatic has set up an online shop selling artwork to raise money for Willen Hospice.

Richard White, 36, from Caldecotte, is one of 32 riders taking part in the 800-mile Ride for Willen from Paris to Nice via Alpe d'Huez and Mont Ventoux in September.

To help raise money for the hospice, which has a 'very personal place' in Richard's heart, he set up the website Ride Eat Drink, selling art and merchandise that appeal to other cycling junkies.

The artwork varies in price from £10 to £35 and has been designed by artists, students and award-winning photographers all with the theme of cycling.

Richard said: "The artwork is either donated or sold to us at a discounted rate in order for us to sell on and make money for Willen.

"The response has been fantastic and we have had some amazing contributions from artists. As well as our UK orders, we have delivered artwork to Switzerland, Sweden, Germany and Australia."

The Ride for Willen challenge aims to raise £100,000 for Willen Hospice, which helps people with end-of-life care.

Richard's former mother-in-law and a close friend were both treated by the city-based charity.

Richard added: "Willen Hospice holds a very personal place in my heart. They are helping, not just patients, but whole families and loved ones to cope with the stresses and strains that a life-shortening illness or injury can cause.

See onemk.co.uk for a gallery of the artwork at the shop.

Giant challenge to find a home

BY SARAH LEE
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AWARD-WINNING community arts company Festive Road, which produces the Walking with Giants parade, is in need of a new work space in Milton Keynes.

Currently housed in Linford Wood, the company has just over a month to find a new home for its artists and creations.

Yvette Lamidey, chairman of the Festive Road board, said: "Our landlord has sold the building and asked us to vacate the premises, along with the other not-for-profit and charitable organisations.

"We are looking for a ground floor unit – possibly an industrial or agricultural unit – with large bay doors, suitable for large-scale metal and wood fabricating. If we can't find a space, we will have to settle for a smaller unit.

"We are determined to find a new space. Our projects will continue, even if we have to work in somebody's front room – although I don't think that would be big enough for our designs.""

In search of a home: Festive Road needs to vacate its premises

Creator and artistic director Jessica Rost added: "The timing is not great as we are just about to launch into a very exciting new Arts Council-funded production which promises to wow audiences more than anything we've made previously."

The team, which brought Milton Keynes the famous dancing tea cups, the cycle-powered elephant and a full-scale WW1 tank, has projects in the pipeline, including the annual midwinter festival in Campbell Park.

Despite the timing, Simon Tipping, organiser of the annual Walking with Giants parade, said: "Finding more suitable premises was always on our business plan but we don't have much time to find somewhere."

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Pest increase is a tick in wrong box

Warning: Emma Pillow and a patient

BY SCOTT KIRK
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CITY vets is noticing an increase in the number of owners bringing in pets with ticks.

Blood-sucking ticks are feeding earlier in the year and for longer, putting Milton Keynes dogs, cats and their owners at risk.

Tick bites can transmit serious infections, such as lyme disease – a serious and debilitating illness that can cause long-term health problems in dogs and people.

Emma Pillow, who owns Greensands Vets in Station Road, Woburn Sands with fellow vet Derek Attride, said she has noticed more ticks in Milton Keynes than in the West Midlands, where she was based until she came to the town 18 months ago.

"We took over 18 months ago and there is a much bigger tick problem here," she said.

"My advice would be to keep a close eye on them."

She also suggested giving pets tick treatment roughly every month during the summer when they become more prevalent.

Sarah Shipley, head nurse at Midsummer Veterinary Group based in Soskin Drive, Stantonbury Fields, said: "We have certainly seen more clients with pets with ticks."

Ticks are hard to spot but can transmit infections as they feed off the blood of their host. Dog owners often see ticks when they have increased in size because they get bigger when feeding on blood.

Both vets and Milton Keynes Vet Group in Walnut Tree have joined the Big Tick Project run by wildlife presenter Chris Packham. The initiative runs from spring to autumn, tracking the rise of the tick population in the UK and finding out how many carry disease.

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MP asked to join pharmacy battle

BY SARAH LEE
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A LOCAL resident has written to MP Mark Lancaster asking him to support the 'Save Our Pharmacy' campaign run by Newport Pagnell's Astons Pharmacy.

Despite receiving 100 per cent approval in its customer service survey this year, the pharmacy on The Poets Estate is facing closure because it can't reach targets imposed by the Government.

Because there is no surgery on the estate, the pharmacy is unable to reach the requisite prescriptions targets imposed by the Government in order to receive various fees.

Astons has therefore been operating under the Essential Small Pharmacy Scheme, a top-up payment that covers any shortfall and is subsided by other pharmacies nationally.

The threat of closure comes after NHS England proposed to stop the scheme.

Writing to Mark Lancaster, customer Richard Willcox, 52 said: "As a local resident to this pharmacy and a regular visitor for my personal needs and frequent medication, I see a team of people who really care about the patrons who use their services.

Save our pharmacy: Staff and customers of Astons Pharmacy in Newport Pagnell, which is facing closure

"Aston Pharmacy is providing a public service, they are not a retailer, they do not make money selling stuff no one needs - they deal in products many of us must have just to get through the day.

"A residential retirement block is within 200 yards of this establishment.

"I understand the need to make cuts in public expenditure, but this is something worth fighting for."

Speaking to MK NEWS, owner Has Modi said: "Without the necessary top-up support, this pharmacy will sadly be forced to close – yet the closure will not save NHS anything. It will only improve the income of other pharmacies nationally by 8p per week."

Mark Lancaster recently received a petition with 1,000 signatures and has pledged to raise the matter with the Government.

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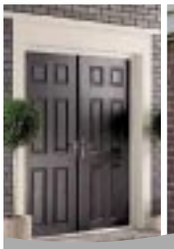

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Giving something back: Rachael Parker, 13, has inspired her step-father and his friends to go on a fundraising drive.

Rachael inspires team

BY SARAH LEE
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INSPIRED by one teenager's battle with cancer, a group of fathers have set up a trust to raise awareness of children's cancers and stress the importance of early diagnosis.

RaeRae Trust is the name of the charitable trust dedicated to 13-year-old Rachael Parker from Bletchley, who has been battling Ewing's Sarcoma – a rare form of bone cancer.

To raise money for the trust, Rachael's step-father Lee Knibbs and his friends are trying to raise £500 in 30 days to produce goody bags for children fighting cancer.

The goody bags will include games, books and everyday essentials, such as lip balm to help keep their lips moisturized during chemotherapy.

Speaking with MKNEWS, Lee Knibbs said: "Rachael wanted a trust in her name to help give back to those who helped during her treatment.

"While in hospital she saw a lot of upset and sick children. To help them, she thought giving goody bags would help put a smile on their faces.

"After she receives her last treatment, she wants to do a sponsored swim to raise more money for the trust.

"She has been so strong and so selfless during her illness. She is an inspiration to us all."

Lester Kent, a trustee of RaeRae Trust, said: "We are all really inspired by Rachael's strength and are so grateful to the organisations and charities that have helped her.

"Because of the support we received for Rachael, we want to give something back."

Lee will also take part in a 250-mile bike ride to raise money for RaeRae Trust on August 22.

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MK BUSINESS

Help staff get fit, firms told

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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BUSINESSES should improve the fitness and health of employees through better eating and the promotion of exercise.

That's the message from Milton Keynes Council, which is calling on firms to join its public health team to tackle the weight problem in the city.

In 2014, Public Health England revealed that 72.5 per cent of over-18s are overweight or obese in the city compared to the national average of 64 per cent.

Councillor Nigel Long, cabinet member for health and wellbeing, said: "MK is becoming known as the city of the bulges and we must tackle that."

At Network Rail's headquarters in Elder Gate, staff are already encouraged to stay healthy.

A spokesman from Network Rail said: "There is a sports and social club where employees can get involved with various sports and activities on offer.

"We have health and wellbeing kiosks which provide employees with measures of physical health, including BMI, body fat, and blood pressure.

"The kiosks give employees a print-out of their results and recommendations on where to go next to get support to make lifestyle changes.

"We also provide employees the opportunity to get involved with events such as marathons to raise money for various causes."

Cllr Matt Clifton, cabinet member for economic growth and inward investment, said: "We are seeking business partners to work with our public health team to tackle obesity, for example, by encouraging people to cycle to work. The benefits will help businesses reduce sickness in the long term and also help reduce pressure on the NHS."

Cllr Long added: "We want to develop close working with businesses across Milton Keynes. Through sharing information and promoting healthy eating and exercise we could help a lot of people lose weight and lead healthier and longer active lives."

On-site: Network Rail staff at the gym at the company's head office in Elder Gate, Central Milton Keynes

What our readers have been saying online

Samantha Pancheri: "What does the council realistically expect from a town with five Nandos and a plethora of other junk food chain restaurants? We have created a culture of fast food by promoting such eateries. Support the markets and independent shops selling fresh food far below supermarket prices and at much higher quality is one step in helping people achieve a healthier, more affordable diet."

Deborah Biggs: "Not many bulges in sight when I took part in MK Festival of Running in March. Lots of fit, healthy people though."

Brian Barlow: "MK has an image of being for the car. Despite the redways, it still has that image. Perhaps public transport needs to be better then people would be walking to/from the bus stop at each end of a journey. Cycling is really good, so I recommend that for getting around to the shops and other places. There should be bike stands, to lock bikes to, at the parks to encourage people to cycle but some don't, like north Willen Lake and Furzton Lake."

Brian Barlow: "Didn't the council recently try to save money by announcing cuts to bus services, which would then make people more reliant on cars?"

Samantha Jane Coster: "I am a bigger person and in MK I actually feel like I'm in a city of slim athletic people!"

Nurses to get free use of gym facilities

THIS month, The Gym on Elder Gate, Bradwell Common is opening its doors for Nurses' Week - a campaign which aims 'to look after the health of the key people that look after the health of the nation.'

Local nurses will get free entry to The Gym throughout Nurses' Week (August 10-17), which includes full use of all facilities, access to classes and personal trainers.

They will also be entered into a prize draw to win a free 12-month membership.

The 24-hour opening at the gym means nurses and other shift workers can enjoy the stress-busting, health benefits of a workout at any time – night or day.

Fay Sabini, a recently qualified nurse working in a Cardiology Unit, says: "The job can get very busy and pressurised so a visit to The Gym helps me get rid of all that excess energy and help me unwind after a long day."

Melissa Treharne, General Manager at The Gym Milton Keynes says: "We have seen a growing number of shift workers that make the most of our 24-hour, modern facilities to suit their lifestyles.

"We want to help people overcome any perceived barriers to keeping fit and maintaining their health – we're delighted to offer this special membership for local NHS staff."

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BY SARAH LEE
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MANY of you will have enjoyed a pint of Midsummer Ale, Fenny Popper, Cock n Bull and Old Bloomer from MK-based business Concrete Cow Brewery.

So you'll be pleased to know the quirky brand is branching out from its bottled beer portfolio by introducing its first ever canned beer - MK IPA.

The new beverage, launched in July, will feature labels adorned with iconic buildings, including Xscape and stadium:mk.

Special label batches have also been issued on both cans and bottles– including the celebration label marking 175 years of Wolverton Works, and looking ahead, one for this year's Chilli Festival at Frosts Garden Centre.

Concrete Cow Brewery owner Dan Bonner said: "The cans are a real first. Concrete Cow is the smallest UK brewery to can its beer with its own in-house canning line, so it's very exciting.

"The idea stemmed after my canned beers made the final at The Indie Beer Can Festival. After that I thought to myself – this could really work.

"Only a few weeks old, MK IPA has already received a positive response.

"The next step from here would be to introduce another three canned beers to the brand."

Leading global can maker Rexam has worked closely with the brewery throughout the process - from the initial briefing, through to concept development and finally on-can design proofing and production.

Dan Bonner added: "It was a huge decision and investment to make the move into cans, but we were supported by Rexam's guidance throughout every step which made it a reassuring and enjoyable process.

"From speaking with Rexam's sales team, to working so closely with the design team, they were able to conceptualise our vision for MK IPA and produce an incredible looking can that captures the soul of our brand, which is crucial for us as a craft brewer."

New line: Dan Bonner with the new cans

Test yourself on Ruel's Ninja Warrior course

A FORMER contestant on TV's endurance competition Ninja Warrior UK, has built his own obstacle course and is inviting the public to test their mettle at an open day.

Ruel DaCosta, 30, managing director of Paramount Parkour at Kingston Gymnastics Centre, constructed the obstacles as a place to train.

He has already auditioned for the second season of the ITV show and is challenging people to have a go themselves.

He said: "It is a fun way of achieving by overcoming the obstacles and only afterwards do you realise you have had a hard workout."

Ruel has built versions of well-known Ninja Warrior obstacles such as the spider climb.

From 11am till 3pm on Saturday August 15, people will be able to purchase a day pass for £10 to test themselves on the Obstacle Ninja section.

Ruel added: "People may think they can't do this but many will be surprised by what they can do!"

Estate agency opens

AS the property market in Milton Keynes continues to boom, a new high-end estate agency has opened.

Thomas Connolly, based in The Hub, Central Milton Keynes, wants to offer unique services, including an overseas property division.

Co-owner Joe Connolly said: " We hope to continue to work with a variety of people wanting a base here."

IS YOUR FINAL SALARY PENSION SCHEME BAD FOR YOUR WEALTH?

It has long been a commonly held view that so called final salary pension schemes are sacrosanct. They are generally regarded as gold-plated and secure. However, since the new Pensions Freedom rules were introduced by the government on 6 April the whole ball game has changed significantly.

One of the many pensions changes introduced was the ability to not only leave your money purchase pension to your spouse but also to other members of your family such as children and grandchildren. This means that if you want your pension to survive you and benefit your family you can now do so because your pension need not die with you.

The problem with final salary pensions is that like annuities they die with you. Pretty much the best you can hope for is that your final salary pension scheme will provide a 50% widow's/widower's pension on your death. On the second of your deaths it dies with you. This is particularly pertinent if it is a large pension.

We have a male client who is in his fifties with a wife and children. He has a company final salary pension scheme worth c.£900K.

Tony Byrne
Financial Planning Director
Wealth And Tax Management

In the last year he has been diagnosed with cancer and although he has recently been given the all clear his life expectancy will probably be much reduced. He is quite wealthy and has other large pensions so retirement income is going to be plentiful in any case.

We did a cashflow forecast comparing the income from his final salary scheme with that from a personal pension based on the pension transfer value offered by his previous employer's pension scheme. We assumed investment growth of just 5% p.a. in a new personal pension. Staggeringly for all time periods up to and way past retirement his and his widow's personal pension income was no worse than the income from his final salary pension scheme would have been. More importantly the value of his personal pension fund did not fall much at all in value! This means that his family in this situation would have been substantially better off to the tune of nearly £900K! He decided to transfer his pension preferring the "bird in the hand" approach.

Please do bear in mind this is just one isolated case. Every client's situation is different. Professional advice is essential.

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From something old to something new...

BY SARAH LEE
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IF you have an old piece of furniture that needs a little TLC – you need to visit Jo Livesey-Kilshaw, a local businesswoman who specialises in 'upcycling' furniture – that is, using materials and techniques to completely transform old furniture into statement pieces.

Thirty-year-old Jo, who lives in Newport Pagnell owns home-business Hummingbird House, which has been running for just over a year.

Having been in an office all her working life, Jo wanted to pursue something more creative. As a lover of interior design, she began pursuing her passion at an Annie Sloan workshop, which taught her how to upcycle furniture.

New business: Jo Livesey-Kilshaw with a work in process

Jo said: "It all started as a hobby - perusing car boot sales and house clearances for un-wanted, eclectic pieces - bringing them home, taking my paintbrush and breathing new life into them.

"I transformed old cabinets, tables, bedside tables, mirrors and other unwanted furniture into unique pieces. It wasn't long before friends and family were commenting on how much they loved - and would pay for - my work.

"Before I knew it, I was trading-successfully on Etsy with my own online store. I've had interest as far as the USA and Italy, however it is the local community that I would love to make a name for myself in.

"I cannot stress enough the joy I have had of turning my passion into a career and I would encourage anyone who is thinking of doing something similar to go for it. You never know what can come out of a hobby."

Find Jo at https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/HummingbirdHouseUK?ref=hdr_shop_menu

Firm's £6m boost from business fund

A MOTORSPORT and technology company employing almost 200 people in Milton Keynes has received a £6million investment from the Business Growth Fund (BGF) as it looks to expand into the aerospace industry.

Prodrive Composites has grown significantly in the last two years, with sales figures reaching £13million last year. It now looks set to announce new contracts in the automotive and aerospace sectors.

The Rooksley-based business received its funding from the BGF, backed by Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds, RBS and Standard Chartered.

Dominic Cartwright, Prodrive Composites' managing director, said: "This is an exciting time. Demand is growing and we are well placed to service this."

Although the money will not be used to create jobs, the potential for the company to make more deals in new industries could lead to job creation.

Lessons in finance

STUDENTS from Giles Brook Primary School have been honing their financial literacy skills thanks to a free financial education programme run by Metro Bank.

Designed specifically to teach youngsters the value of money and the basics of money management, Metro Bank's Money Zone is in line with the primary school curriculum for mathematics and personal, social and health education (PSHE).

Chris Brindley, Managing Director of Regional Banking, Metro Bank said: "Teaching children how to use, spend and save money are vital skills that will help them into adulthood.

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Shakespeare's battle of sexes comes to Linford Manor Park

TAKE along a picnic and enjoy an open-air performance of Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew.

The two-and-a-half hour performance will take place in Linford Manor Park on Friday – gates open at 6.30pm and the performance starts at 7.30pm.

Sparks are guaranteed to fly in the boisterous battle of the sexes comedy, where nobody is exactly who they appear to be.

Everyone wants to marry mild-mannered Bianca. No-one wants to marry her acid-tongued older sister Kate. Their father won't let anyone marry Bianca until a husband can be found for Kate – but no-one knows anyone mad enough to take her on until Petruchio comes to town.

Oliver Gray, artistic director of Illyria – the company putting on the play – said: "Illyria has been bringing top-quality open-air theatre to The Parks Trust in Milton Keynes since 2006. We are thrilled to have been invited back to perform in the beautiful grounds of Linford Manor Park - and we promise an evening of romance and rip-roaring wit!"

People are advised to take seating and warm clothes. Gazebos and barbecues are strictly forbidden and no pets are allowed on site during the performance.

Tickets – priced £12 for adults and £8 for children – are available via The Parks Trust website.

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nigelharman

STARRING roles in Eastenders, Mount Pleasant and Downton Abbey have made actor, Nigel Harman, a well-known face on TV.

Then came the chance to play Simon Cowell, The Dark Lord himself, in Harry Hill's spoof West End musical, I Can't Sing!

Sadly, box office takings suggested the show didn't have the X-Factor and it closed after two months.

Judy Riley talked to Nigel about his latest project, directing the tour of Shrek: The Musical, which is coming to Milton Keynes in 2015.

How does the show differ from the London production?

"Not at all. We can't take all of the big hydraulics on tour but apart from that, it's exactly the same. It's still got all the bells, whistles and laughs."

Had you put the word out that you wanted to have a go at directing?

"I've had the desire to direct for some years and I felt it was the right time to take the plunge. I'd had a few meetings in offices but then I was at the closing-night party for Shrek and one of the producers came up to me and said 'I hear you fancy directing'. I had a proper meeting a few weeks later. I'm incredibly lucky."

Do you have the same kind of nerves as a director as you do as an actor?

"It's different nerves. I don't have the anxiety of performing but I'm dreaming about it a lot. I've always loved the show. Its secret weapon is humour. It's one of the show's great surprises. Parents think they're taking their kids to see the show and then they find they love it too. It has magical powers."

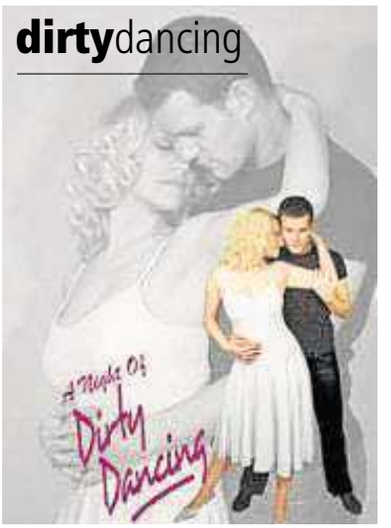
You played the part of Lord Farquaad in the West End, were there any embarrassing moments?

"I fell over once. And it hurt like hell but the brilliant thing was that I couldn't get back up. It's the closest thing to being a beetle on its back. And the rest of the cast just left me there, waving my legs in the air."

A couple of years ago, when asked 'what was his best kiss? actor James McAvoy, said: 'Nigel Harman kisses me goodnight most evenings ... it's really nice.' How was it for you?

"He's a nutter! He's one of the good guys. We were appearing in a play together. I love him."

dirtydancing



A TRIP back to the summer of 1962 is on the cards at Wilton Hall when Dirty Dancing comes to town.

A band will play popular songs from the film can be expected, including Hungry Eyes, Time Of My Life and Be My Baby.

The event will cost £30 per person and doors open at 7pm, with food being served at 8pm and at 10pm the band will perform.

italianrock

ITALIAN band Destrage will be performing live at The Craufurd Arms this Saturday and will be supported by Invocation.

In recent years, the Milan-based band has headlined a number of Italian festivals including Festa Rock in Novedatre, Machete Fest, Rock in Riot among others. Destrage have also performed all over Europe and have even travelled to Japan.

Doors open at 7.30pm and the performance is open to all over the age of 14.

Tickets cost £5 in advance – for more information, visit the-craufurdarms.com.

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getcrafty

FROSTS Garden Centre in Woburn Sands is inviting families to join in its arts and crafts activities over the summer holidays.

The next event will take place from 10am-4pm on Wednesday, August 12, when each child will have the chance to decorate a notebook, pencil case and a fun animal key ring – perfect for preparing to go back to school.

The activity will be followed by a drink of squash and a chocolate treat.

Entry costs £5.99 per child. The activity lasts approximately 25 minutes and children must be accompanied by an adult.

picnicdate

WOLVERTON Community Orchard is opening its gates and inviting people to take along their own picnic on Saturday.

From 3-5pm, hot and cold drinks will be provided from the carriage and ice cream will also be available.

There will also be music and games to keep the children entertained.

The Community Orchard is behind Western Road at the top of Anson Road. So why not go there and enjoy the afternoon?

teaparty

FIND out how Georgian ladies and gentleman used to live at the Cowper and Newton Museum in Olney.

On Saturday, August 15, visitors can join the museum's Georgian Tea Party.

Guests can enjoy authentic baroque dance with the Barbara Segal Dancers, while dressing up in Georgian costumes to experience how it feels to be a lady or gentleman for the day.

A wide range of children's activities and refreshments will also be available in the courtyard.

The Georgian Tea Party will take place between 10.30am and 4.30pm.

Entrance to the event costs £5 for adults and £2 for children aged three to 16.

codebreakers

WHY not take the kids to Bletchley Park to explore codebreaking, the Second World War and e-safety?

Craft and spy workshops are available for children of all ages and there are also quizzes and guided tours.

The event takes place from 9.30am to 5pm throughout the school holidays. The normal adult admission charge of £16.75 applies, but children under 12 go free.

BOB STREATFEILD is a ranger at Woburn Safari Park. Here he fills us in on what's happening at the park

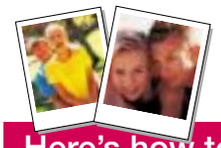
PHEW! The weather has been treating us well recently, especially the animals, who had to resort to innovative ways to keep cool.

The American black bears were treated to ice lollies made by their keepers, while the mob of meerkats were given some parasols!

In Animal Encounters, the marmosets are settled in their new house. State-of-the-art and featuring under floor heating, the house has been specially designed to include a viewing platform for visitors, so these lovely animals can be seen all year round.

The Dissscovery Zone became home to 27 new arrivals recently, in the form of baby scorpions. The invertebrates are still perched on mum's back, but soon they will venture off on their own.

I'm also excited to announce the return of my VIP Safari Trail days. These take place on selected days throughout the summer and include a fantastic eight hours of behind-the-scenes action with all the animals living here. Details and information on booking can be found at www.woburnsafari.co.uk. Look forward to seeing you soon.



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JENNY 56, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418437**

DISCREET man wanted by married lady for no strings fun. I'm called Sarah and am 37yrs. Pls call, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4296 Box No: 418167**

ALI 47, seeking male for weekends away, to say have you had a good day, friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418275**

ANN, young looking 40yrs seeks broadminded man of any age/location for no strings discreet times, games and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4282 Box No: 412369**

JEANETTE, young looking petite female prepared to try anything once, looking for similar open-minded tactile guy for fun loving times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418367**

ANNA, busty mature lady seeks no strings discreet meetings with male any age or location. **Tel No: 0906 515 4283 Box No: 366019**

OLIVIA, naughty blonde widow, slim and active, seeks creative partner in crime to share good times, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418345**

SAMANTHA, solvent, sensual business women, 38yrs, travels a lot and seeks fun on the road. I'm married so please be discreet. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4495859**

LIZ 42yr old, tired of journeying life alone, caring nature, seeking partner to share happy times with, laughter and all life. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4842772**

JASMINE, 22yrs, seeks older gent for daytime meetings as she works a nightshift most days. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4495860**

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CAROLINE, sophisticated feminine lady, just turned 40 and wants to meet new friends. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4656850**

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Men seeking women

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WIDOWER 66, honest, caring, trustworthy, been on own too long, looking for someone to love again age/looks /size unimportant bbw welcome. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4837120**

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55YR old male, loving, caring, romantic, seeking female/soul mate for LTR **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 417967**

GENUINE guy 55, GSOH, attractive, seeks female, 50-58 for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 339641**

ELY mature widower, young 66, looking for lady for some TLC. Any age, looks, size welcome. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4837120**

PAUL 57, 5ft 8ins, slim-medium build, short hair, GSOH, attractive, genuine, down to earth, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 383233**

58YR old male, 5ft 8ins, medium build, attractive, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 390611**

PAUL 58, GSOH, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, average looks, seeks down to earth female up to 60 with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 398673**

ENGLISH male 61, seeking lady, 40-60, any nationality for fun and friendship. Slough area. **Tel No: 0906 515 4426 Box No: 418293**

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SINGLE 29 yrs, 5 ft 11, no ties, N/S, tanned, medium build, black hair, brown eyes, WLTM genuine lady of similar age for NSA-LTR. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4765584**

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ED, retired Essex guy, astute & wise. N/S. no ties, with looks & humour seeks younger female needing life's mentor/tutor. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4485189**

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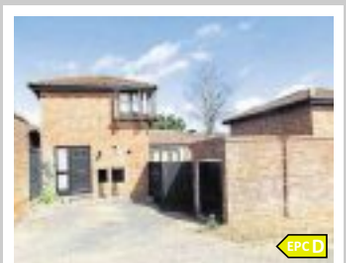

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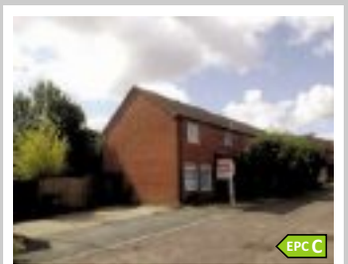

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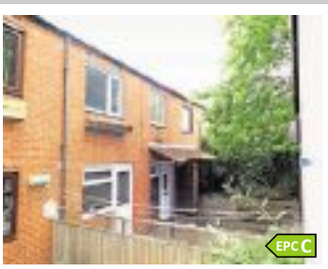

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Public Notice

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Notice is hereby given that I, Martin Wakley have applied on 31st July 2015, to Milton Keynes Council, for the grant of a Premises Licence Certificate in respect of the above mentioned premises.

The licensable activities applied for are:
Provision of plays, provision of films, provision of live music, provision of recorded music and the supply of alcohol.

The licensable hours applied for are:
Provisioin of plays, films, live and recorded music – 09:00 – 23:30. Supply of alcohol 12:00 – 23:00.

Anyone wishing to make representations in respect of this application should write to Milton Keynes Council at the address stated below. Representations must be made in writing and no later than 28 consecutive days from the date of application.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for this offence is £5000.

A record of this application can be inspected at:
Licensing Team,
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Full details of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the Civic Offices of the Council. This is accessible Mondays to Thursday between the hours of 9am to 5pm, and Fridays 9am to 4pm (excluding bank holidays) or online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing
Any person or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date: 25 August 2015
To the following address: LICENSING TEAM, PUBLIC REALM SERVICE GROUP
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Department for Transport

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

THE SECRETARY OF STATE hereby gives notice of the proposal to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping up of two part-widths of the unnamed access roads leading off Avebury Boulevard, to the west of Lower Fourth Street, at Milton Keynes in the Borough of Milton Keynes.

IF THE ORDER IS MADE, the stopping up will be authorised only to enable development to be carried out should planning permission be granted by Milton Keynes Council. The Secretary of State gives notice of the draft Order under Section 253 (1) of the 1990 Act but will only consider making the Order in the event that planning permission is granted.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT ORDER AND RELEVANT PLAN will be available for inspection during normal opening hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ in the 28 days commencing on 05 August 2015, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the Secretary of State (quoting NATTRAN/SE/S247/1942) at the address stated below.

ANY PERSON MAY OBJECT to the making of the proposed order by stating their reasons in writing to the Secretary of State at nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk or National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AR, quoting the above reference. Objections should be received by midnight on **02 September 2015**. You are advised that your personal data and correspondence will be passed to the applicant/agent to enable your objection to be considered. If you do not wish your personal data to be forwarded, please state your reasons when submitting your objection.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(OLD WOLVERTON ROAD (PART), OLD WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 4th August 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of Old Wolverton Road, Wolverton between its junctions with Colts Holm Road and Wolverton Park Road in order to safely install height safety marker chevrons on the railway bridge. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 10th August 2015 and will remain in effect until 14th August 2015. The closure is scheduled to be between 10pm and 6am each night within these dates.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route for westbound local traffic will be via Grafton Street, Newport Road, Wolverton Road, Stratford Road and Old Wolverton Road. The alternative route for local traffic travelling eastbound will be via Old Wolverton Road, Stratford Road and Wolverton Road. The alternative route for HGV traffic will be via Old Wolverton Road, Great Monks Street (V6), Millers Way (H2) and Grafton Street (V6) (and vice versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 10th August 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF VICTORIA STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015 (No.2)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 4th August 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Victoria Street, Wolverton between Stacey Avenue and Osbourne Street in order to repair two leaking communication pipes within the rear access road of Victoria Street. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 6th August 2015 and will remain in effect until 7th August 2015.

Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Green Lane, Stacey Avenue and Victoria Street (and vice versa).

Some controlled access will be maintained along the rear access road of Victoria Street.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

The Order will come into operation on 6th August 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The road closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(HAZELWOOD (PART), GREAT LINFORD)
(TEMPORARY FOOTPATH CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 4th August 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along that part of the footpath at Hazelwood, Great Linford located between numbers 14 and 15 in order to replace a broken washout cover in the footway.

The footpath will be closed on 10th August 2015 for a period of 3 days or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn pedestrians of the dates and times.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable maintenance works to be carried out along the footpath. The temporary Order will come into effect on 10th August 2015 and will expire on 12th August 2015 and will be indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed along the affected footpath.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTPATH 32, OAKGROVE)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along the entire length of Footpath 32, Oakgrove in order to allow works to be carried out on site at the Oakgrove Housing Development on or near to the said footpath.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to prevent the likelihood of danger to the public or serious damage to the footpath which is not attributable to such works.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 17th August 2015 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made.

A temporary footpath that will run adjacent to Footpath 32 will be constructed to be used as an alternative route during the closure period.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed along the affected footpath.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS WITHIN EMERSON VALLEY, FISHERMEAD, SHENLEY CHURCH END, WESTON UNDERWOOD, WILLEN AND WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE)
ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 4th August 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

12th August 2015

- **Gurnards Avenue, Fishermead (north-west side only) –** Between Pencarrow Place and Porthleven Place.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Pencarrow Place, Penryn Avenue and Porthleven Place.
  Controlled access to properties along Gurnards Avenue will be maintained at all times.
- **Part of Wood Lane, Weston Underwood.**
  Controlled access to properties and the Farm will be maintained at all times.

13th August 2015

- **White Horse Drive, Emerson Valley –** From its junction with H8 Standing Way to its junction with Taunton Deane.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via H8 Standing Way, V3 Fulmer Street and Taunton Deane (and vice versa).
  Controlled access to properties along White Horse Drive will be maintained at all times.
- **Engaine Drive, Shenley Church End –** from its junction with Burchard Crescent to its junction with Lowdes Grove.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Burchard Crescent, V4 Watling Street, H5 Portway, Knapp Gate and Engaine Drive (and vice versa).
  Controlled access to the local shops and properties along Burchard Crescent will be maintained at all times
- **Milton Road, Willen –** South of its junction with Smabridge Walk.
  Controlled access to properties and Willen Hospice will be maintained at all times.

18th August 2015

- **Gloucester Road, Wolverton –** Between Stacey Avenue and Windsor Street.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Stacey Avenue, Marina Drive and Windsor Street (and vice versa).
  Controlled access to properties along Gloucester Road will be maintained at all times.

The closures will be implemented between the hours of 09.30am and 16.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed:-

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 12th August 2015 and will expire on 12th November 2015 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(ROADS OR PARTS OF ROADS WITHIN BLETCHLEY, BRADVILLE AND OLNEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

19th August 2015

- **St George's Road, Bletchley –** Between St Patrick's Way and St Andrew's Road.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via St Patrick's Way, St John's Road and St Andrew's Road (and vice versa).
  Controlled access to properties along St George's Road will be maintained at all times.

20th August 2015

- **Spring Lane, Olney –** Between Dagnall Road and Paxton Close.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Spring Lane, High Street, Weston Road and Dagnall Road (and vice versa).
  Controlled access to properties along Spring Lane will be maintained at all times.

21st August 2015

- **Duncombe Street, Bletchley –** Between Osbourne Street and Water Eaton Road.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Osbourne Street, Clifford Avenue and Water Eaton Road (and vice versa).
  Controlled access to properties along Duncombe Street will be maintained at all times.

25th August 2015

- **Mercers Drive, Bradville –** Between Cleveland and Vauxhall.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Cleveland and Vauxhall (and vice versa).
  Controlled access to properties along Mercers Drive will be maintained at all times.

26th August 2015

- **Holes Lane, Olney –** Between Dartmouth Road and East Street.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via A509, Midland Road and East Street (and vice versa).
  Controlled access to properties along Holes Lane will be maintained at all times.

27th August 2015

- **West Street, Olney –** Between Long Lane and Dinglederry.
  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via West Street, Spring Lane, High Street and West Street (and vice versa).
  Controlled access to properties along West Street will be maintained at all times.

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 07.30am and 19.30pm or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

Public Notices

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 19th August 2015 and will expire on 19th November 2015 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

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All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

5th August 2015

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David Hall
Interim Head of Highways

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
HIGHWAYS ACT 1980, SECTION 119
THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTPATH No.50 HANSLOPE)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2015

On the 29th July 2015, the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes, confirmed the above Order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath running from the timber gate at a point at OS Grid Reference SP 81882 48291 in a northerly direction for a distance of approximately 5 metres to a point at OS Grid Reference SP 81882 48296, to a line running from a point at OS Grid Reference SP 81882 48291 to a point at OS Grid Reference SP 81882 48296 via points at OS Grid Reference SP 81882 48293, then in a north westerly direction to a point at OS Grid Reference 81881 48294 and then in a northerly direction to a point at OS Grid Reference SP 81881 48295, a distance of approximately 6 metres, as shown on the order map. The new way will have a varying width of between 3.8 and 5 metres throughout.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00am and 5.00pm on any working day, also at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, during normal opening hours. Copies of the Order and map may be purchased from the Civic Offices at the price of £3.00.

The Order comes into force on the 26th August 2015, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980 as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 5th August 2015, make an application to the High Court.

5th August 2015

Civic Offices
1 Saxon Gate East
Milton Keynes

Sharon Bridglalsingh
Head of Legal Services –
Planning Procurement & Property

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/01758/TCA	Notification of intention to prune back all overhangs by 2.5m and reduce in height by 20% and shape 1x Cedar tree (T1), reduce overhangs back by 2m and reduce in height by 25% and shape 1x Silver Birch (T2), remove to ground level 1x Ash tree (T3), reduce height by third, shape the width by 15% and trim to shape 1x Sycamore tree (T4), Remove to ground level 1x Cedar Deodar tree (T5), remove to ground level Cypress hedge (GR1) and remove to ground level and grind out the stump of 1x Christmas tree (T6) at The Chesters, 2 Brickhill Manor Court, Little Brickhill
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/01735/LBC	Replacement staircase, conversion of existing garage to form bedroom, partitioning at 1st floor to form en-suite and dressing room to existing bedroom, new glazing behind existing large timber doors at The Small House, 6 High Street, Sherington
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
15/01552/LBC	Replace old UPVC windows and French doors with double glazed wooden framed windows and French doors and replace single glazed front door with identical double glazed wooden framed front door at 9 Wavendon House Drive, Wavendon

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

15/01695/FUL	Hybrid application - Full planning application for 34 residential units and 1,724 sqm of retail (7 units) with associated access, landscaping and car parking. Outline planning permission for - Care Home, (Use Class C2), Public House (Use Class A4), Day Nursery (Use Class D1) with all matters reserved aside from access at Land To The North of Arran Way, Newton Leys
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Introducing The New Peugeot 208

If you're going to treat yourself to a brand new 65-plate car, why not buy one that's so fresh the paint will barely be dry? The significantly revised PEUGEOT 208 is available to order now, ahead of the registration change on 1st September, with its arrival in Dealerships soon after. It will mark the start of another chapter in the Brand's highly successful 'small car' story.

Although an advanced and highly innovative vehicle when it was first launched in 2012, the PEUGEOT 208 has now been finessed in many key areas. With a more assertive design and new ultra-efficient Euro 6 engines, the re-invigorated model boasts a much enhanced specification, with extra safety equipment and desirable new comfort and convenience features – all the right ingredients for today's discerning customer.

The 208's new front end creates a sharper and more precise line, with a wider grille and deeper chrome finisher that is now fully integrated. At the rear, the LED light clusters have been redesigned to incorporate PEUGEOT's signature 3D 'claws' motif. Enhancements include exclusive new 16 and 17-inch wheel options, available in a choice of painted, diamante and laser-engraved finishes.

A palette of 13 vibrant colours means there's something for everyone, including a world-first technology for a production vehicle of 'textured paint'. It illustrates perfectly the sophistication and premium styling that enhances the entire PEUGEOT range.

Personalisation option packs – two interior and two exterior – are now also part of the 208 range, each available in either Menthol White or Lime Yellow. These striking additions to the 208's elegant style are a factory-fit option from Active trim level and in combination with the other design enhancements, they're indicative of PEUGEOT's continued move upmarket.

Key to the appeal of the new 208 is its efficient engine range. The Brand's critically acclaimed BlueHDi technology is the most effective emission control system on the market today and means every diesel 208 has CO2 emissions of below 95g/km.

Expected to prove popular and now available to order is the 1.6-litre 75 S&S diesel engine, mated to a five-speed manual gearbox. It's capable of an astonishing 94.2 mpg on the Combined Cycle – a segment record – with CO2 emissions of just 79 g/km.

Petrol engines remain a popular choice with retail customers and the revised line-up promises high mileage and low running costs. New PureTech three-cylinder units – either 1.0-litre 68hp or 1.2-litre 82hp – are both now available in the 208.

The new 208 is available in three and five-door body styles and comes in four generously equipped trim levels: Access A/C, Active, Allure and GT Line. The latter is a new addition to the range and, following the lead of the larger 308, adopts many of the styling attributes of the iconic GTi model. For a more performance-oriented body style, GTi, GTi Prestige and 'GTi by PEUGEOT SPORT' are available as three-door variants. The latter builds on the success of the 208 GTi 30th, the most exclusive and radical GTi the company has created. With unique badging, it features a lowered ride height, wider tracks, Torsen-differential, 18-inch wheels, matt black exterior features and sports seats.

The list of new equipment on the 208 is headed by Active City Brake, which makes it possible to avoid an accident or reduce its seriousness, in urban conditions, at speeds of less than 20mph. Park Assist and a reversing camera are available as a combined option from the Allure trim level too. All versions of the 208 now come with manual air conditioning and Bluetooth connectivity as standard.

Prices for the new PEUGEOT 208 start from £11,695, with the most popular Active and Allure models priced from £12,495 and £14,195 respectively.

Why not pay using PEUGEOT's innovative Just Add FuelTM finance offer? You can have a 208 Active three-door PureTech 68 from as little as £149 PCM. The offer currently includes free Active City Brake, visibility pack and reversing camera. Or, for just £179 PCM, you can opt for the 208 Allure five-door PureTech 82, which includes Active City Brake, reversing camera and Satellite Navigation as standard. The APR on both offers is just 3.9%, with an incentivised deposit contribution of £1,000.

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Honda CR-V

SUBURBAN WARFARE

The Honda CR-V has evolved, introducing a 160PS 1.6-litre diesel engine to replace the old 2.2-litre unit, a nine-speed gearbox, city braking technology, a new infotainment setup and a bafflingly smart adaptive cruise control system. It's a great all-round package.

The big news with this CR-V is the fitment of a 160PS 1.6-litre diesel engine, which replaces the old 150PS 2.2-litre diesel, an engine that was looking a bit off the pace in terms of efficiency. The 120PS 1.6-litre diesel carries on much as before and there's a 2.0-litre petrol engine offered that's probably going to be largely ignored by UK buyers. Specify the CR-V with a manual gearbox and you can also have it in front as well as four-wheel drive guise. But you shouldn't. That's because Honda has replaced the old five-speed auto with a nine-speed automatic that then sends drive to all four wheels. It's an impressive piece of technology and does a great job plugging the diesel engine right into the meat of its 350Nm of torque available from just north of 2,000rpm.

The CR-V was never marketed as a particularly sporty drive and the updates to the car's suspension and steering don't aim for that goal. Instead, the steering has been revised to offer an 8 per cent quicker ratio, while revised bushings, dampers and other suspension fettling aim to deliver a smoother ride. Refinement is something valued by CR-V owners and the latest car features added sound insulation material, thicker carpets and chunkier door seal rubbers. The net result is a 6 per cent reduction in cabin noise at speed.

The changes to the latest car could best be described as a facelift, although Honda has gone further than the usual grille, bumpers and lights. Having said that, this latest CR-V does have a revised front grille, smarter bumpers and sleeker lights, the latter featuring LED daytime running lamps. At the rear, the LED combination lamps have been restyled. There are revised 17 and 18-inch alloy wheels designs on offer as well.

The cabin has been tweaked courtesy of a reshaped chrome-effect inlay running the width of the dashboard, and through the use of higher quality materials on key surfaces. The dashboard has been redesigned to allow better visibility and access to the seven-inch touchscreen displaying the Honda Connect system. The latest CR-V also features a one action fold down rear seat system, with the rear seats featuring a 60/40 split function. With the seats in place you get an excellent 589-litres of luggage space which transforms to 1,648-litres with the seats folded. The load length is up to 1,570 mm, allowing the CR-V to easily swallow two adult mountain bikes (without having to remove the front wheels) or four sets of golf clubs.

Honda is a company that occasionally makes some rather strange decisions. For years it was utterly half-hearted about diesel engines, thinking that variable valve timing of its petrol engines would win the argument. It didn't. Only belatedly has Honda delivered really class-competitive diesels and in doing so, it has propelled the CR-V to the number one spot as the best-selling SUV in Europe. Of course, it helps that it's built in Swindon and has been designed to appeal to European tastes, but the powerplants now look pretty well sorted with the addition of the 160PS 1.6-litre diesel with its nine-speed automatic transmission option.

Perhaps the only way that the CR-V range could be better rounded out would be through the addition of a top-drawer hybrid, one field that Honda has a stack of experience in. As it stands, it's going to take something extremely talented to dislodge this car from the top spot in the sales charts.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

CAR: Honda CR-V range
PRICES: £22,005 - £36,205 - on the road
INSURANCE GROUPS: 24-27
CO2 EMISSIONS: 119-179g/km
PERFORMANCE: [2.0i 120PS] Max Speed 118mph / 0-62mph 10s
FUEL CONSUMPTION: [2.0i 120PS] (combined) 39.2mpg
STANDARD SAFETY FEATURES: driver, passenger, side and curtain airbags, vehicle stability assist, trailer stability assist, ABS, electronic brake assist, front seat belt pre-tensioners, rear seat belt monitor, active front head restraint, city braking
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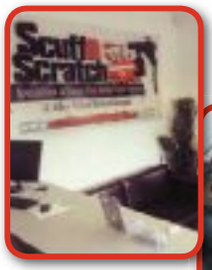

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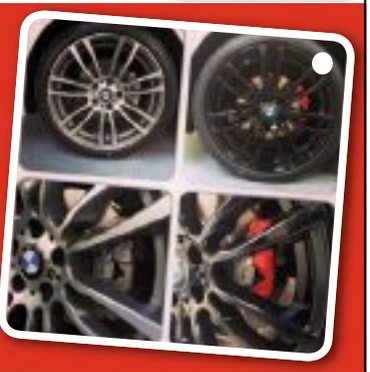

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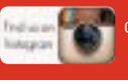

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Players discover draw

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ENGLAND'S Chris and Gabby Adcock could face Denmark's Mads Pieler Kolding and Kamilla Rytter Juhl in the third round of the BWF World Championships.

The duo were also placed in the opposite side of the draw to long-standing rivals, China's top seeds Zhang Nan and Zhao Yunlei, and Indonesia's Tontowi Ahmad and Liliyana Natsir. They will only meet one of these pairs should they reach the final.

After receiving a bye in the first round, the world number seven pair will face either South Africa's Andries Malan and Jennifer Fry or Korean's Shin Baek Choel and Chang Ye Na in the second round.

There could be a possible quarter-final against fourth seeds, Lui Cheng and Bao Yixin of China, with another Chinese duo lying in wait - second seeds Xu Chen and Ma Jin are possible semi-final opponents.

Rajiv Ouseph finds himself on course to meet China's top seed and world number one, Chen Long, in the third round. First though, the number 16 seed will have to overcome Thailand's Tanongsak Saensomboonsuk in his opening round clash and if successful will face either Zi Liang Derek Wong or Yuhan Tan in the second round.

Getting ready: Chris and Gabby Adcock have been given a bye in the first round of the World Championships

England's Toby Penty will begin his World Championship journey against France's Brice Leverdez.

In the women's singles, England's Fontaine Chapman gets underway against USA's Iris Wang and will face Chinese seventh seed Wang Shixian if she secures the first round victory.

The men's doubles event sees England duo Marcus Ellis and Chris Langridge start their quest against Italy's Giovanni Greco and Rosario Maddaloni.

England's other men's double pairing of Andy Ellis and Peter Mills face Poland's Adam Cwalina and Przemyslaw Wacha before a possible meeting with Japanese sixth seeds Hiroyuki Endo and Kenichi Hayakawa.

In the women's doubles event, Lauren Smith and Heather Olver begin against Nadine Ashraf and Menna Eltanany of Egypt.

Sophie Brown and Kate Robertshaw open their campaign against Korea's Go Ah Ra and Yoo Hae Won with Thailand's Puttita Supajirakul and Sapsiree Taerattanachai lying in wait.

The BWF World Championships take place from August 10 to 16 in Jakarta, Indonesia and will provide qualification points on the road to the Rio Olympics.

ICE HOCKEY

Roster is complete and fixtures are released

MK LIGHTNING have finished their recruitment process for 2015-16 after hot prospect Glenn Billing joined the club.

Billing, who celebrated his 18th birthday in May, is another graduate of the Okanagan Hockey Academy in Swindon who also has international experience.

Last season he was not only one of the U18 team who collected bronze medals at the World Junior Championship, but he also played for the U20 team that scooped gold in their section of the tournament.

Progressing to NIHL level for 2013, Billing picked up 31 points in 18 games for the Wildcats NIHL side as well as 52 points in 14 games at U18 level.

Last season he was top points scorer at Okanagan Academy's U18 level, averaging two goals per game.

"I'm really excited about this opportunity Pete has given me," said Billing.

"I really enjoyed playing for him the last two years and speaking to him about his plans, I knew the Lightning was the perfect place for me to develop and keep improving my game.

"I've heard great things from the boys I've played with who play in Milton Keynes about the great support from the fans and the setup there.

"Pete has put together a good team and I can't wait to meet the guys and get going!"

Head coach Pete Russell said: "I have worked very closely with him the last few years and am looking forward to having him around again.

"He is reliable at both ends of the rink and battles hard in all situations. He's a smart player who sees the ice so well and makes good decisions with and without the puck and is a very productive player for his team.

"This is a great opportunity for Glen and like his line mate Luc Johnson, I know he will grab it with both hands.

"My aim for the Lightning this season is to create a depth of talent and also to develop players for the future.

"Billing, Johnson and Knaggs fit the criteria and are young players who we're delighted to have in our group. We have a great link with Dave Fairhurst and Paul Gore who oversee the Thunder and we want to create a pathway for young players to develop."

Meanwhile the fixtures have been released for next season and Lightning will entertain Bracknell Bees and travel to Manchester Phoenix on the opening weekend of the season.

Face-off at the MK Arena on Saturday, September 12 is at 7pm and the team will play Sheffield Steeldogs at home and Peterborough Phantoms away the weekend after.

CRICKET

Great Brickhill keep up title pressure with win

GREAT BRICKHILL defeated Wolverton Town by 159 runs to keep up the pressure on Thame Town in the Cherwell Cricket League.

Mark Nelson scored 96 as Great Brickhill declared on 280-8 and they were able to dismiss Wolverton for 121 in the 19th over with Arjun Jhala claiming 4-35.

The Northamptonshire Cricket League saw Stony Stratford slump back to the bottom of the table after they lost to Peterborough Town.

Stony's opponents declared on 227-4, with Vicram Sohal collecting three of those wickets.

Stony could only reach 127 before they were all bowled out, with James Pickles top-scoring thanks to a score of 29.

Milton Keynes lost ground on North Crawley in the Four Counties League after they succumbed to a narrow 33-run defeat against Thurleigh.

North Crawley took full advantage of that slip-up as Alex Walker's 84 helped North Crawley reach 213-6.

Biddenham were all out for just 99 as Richard Bryce's four wickets helped North Crawley to another victory.

New Bradwell beat Buckland and Aston Clinton by six wickets to distance themselves from relegation after Milton Keynes City were beaten by Eaton Bray. City were all out for 213 as Saqib Akhlaq scored 60 but Eaton knocked off that target with five wickets to spare.

New City (Milton Keynes) beat Elstow by six wickets.

SPORTSSHORTS

LONG JUMP

GREG Rutherford got back to his winning best by leaping 8.34m in the Diamond League in Stockholm to further maintain his good form.

Only one other long jumper was able to jump over eight metres.

It is the last meeting of the season in Zurich in September and he is currently five points clear of Michael Hartfield.

It was a third victory for Rutherford in his last six events.

ATHLETICS

NINE Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club athletes represented Buckinghamshire in the Annual Inter-Counties Championships in Bedford.

Jackson Curtis threw a season's best of 66.22m in the javelin to qualify for the final, but only managed 62.69 in the final where he placed fifth.

Chris Clarke was on his way to a podium place in the 200m having won both his heat and semi-final (20.74), but did not take his place in the final.

In the field events, Kayleigh Presswell threw a season's best of 53.53m in the hammer qualifying competition, but had to settle for 51.91m in the final and 10th place. Club mate Laeken Impey threw 45.06m in the qualifying event.

Rachel Gibbens was just short of a season's best with 3.60m for sixth in the pole vault.

Chucko Cribb triple jumped an excellent 14.51m for fourth position.

On the track Lara Bromilow set a personal best in the 5,000m, finishing seventh with a time of 17.17.78, Elle Roche clocked 4.48.91 in the heats of the 1500m and Ryan Burling, although running his second fastest time of the year of 9.41.26 in the 3,000m steeplechase, placed 12th.

The English Disability championships were held with the meeting and Thomas Green threw 25.86 in the F32 seated club event to win the silver medal.

ROLLER DERBY

THE Concrete Cows recorded a big victory in the 2015 British Championships on Sunday, beating the Lincolnshire Bombers 320-32 at home in Bletchley Leisure Centre.

The Cows started strongly as Rowena Fellows, Harri Clarke and Jay Latarche all scored 19 points each in their opening jams.

This opened up a quick 57-point lead for the Cows, and their pack looked far stronger than in recent games, with Claudia Higgins and Victoria Griffith leading the line.

Sarah Stevens added more firepower to the frontline, with 10 and 17-point jams, and the Cows went into the break with a 169-19 point lead.

Lincolnshire were tipped to win the game, but couldn't handle the resurgent Cows.

Katie Thomas added two 20-point jams in the second half and Jay Latarche ended the day as the Cows top scorer with 85 points.

The Cows eventually notched up their best result of the season, taking the victory.

MOTORSPORT

MILTON Keynes based endurance Lotus Elise sports car team Napier Racing added another class victory to their tally with Classic Sports Car Club at Mallory Park in Leicestershire at the weekend.

Driver Andy Napier qualified fifth on the grid and maintained the position throughout the race to finish comfortably four laps ahead of the next car in class.

The success in the Modern Classics race brings the count of class wins to an unbroken six from six races since the start of the season in the series.

The lack of drama in the Modern Classics race was contrasted however in the Sports vs Saloons open race later in the day. A snapped engine mount caused a rare mechanical retirement as the team were cruising to what would've been a bonus class win at around the 15-minute mark.

Andy and the Napier Racing team will return to the track on Sunday 6th September with CSCC Modern Classics at Donington Park in Leicestershire.

BURSARY WINNERS

ARSENAL's Leah Williamson and wakeboarder Lottie Harbottle have been celebrating.

Both won MK Community Foundation sports bursaries and Williamson has signed a new contract with Arsenal.

Harbottle has recently won the U19 UK Cable Wakeboard Championship.

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Championship challenge begins at Rotherham Utd

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THE moment Dons fans have been waiting for finally arrives this Saturday as Championship football becomes a reality for the men from MK1.

It is three months since that momentous day in May when Dons secured promotion to the Championship on a dramatic final game of the League One season, which saw Dons beat Yeovil Town 5-1 and Preston North End lost 1-0 at Colchester United.

And now, after what may have seemed a long wait, the next big adventure will begin.

In some quarters Dons have been tipped for relegation but manager Karl Robinson says he will use that as motivation for his team during next season.

"One or two people have already said we're going to be rock bottom," said Robinson.

"We don't like being talked about in a derogatory way but we're in it for the fight and to work hard.

"If second from bottom is the best we can possibly be then that's the best we can possibly be.

"If one place above the relegation zone is the best we can do then it's the best we can do – if it's tenth, fifth or sixth or wherever it is then if that's the best they can do then that's all I can ask.

"We will never fall short through energy, fight and togetherness and any external comments is something that we have to use.

"We know it's going to be hard and we're not under any illusions – this is going to be the hardest season in many of these players' lives.

Raring to go: Dons entertain Chelsea in the last pre-season friendly before the main action begins Pic by Lee Scriven

"I think even just to stay in the league they've got to work harder than what we worked to get out of the league last season."

Dons rounded off their pre-season with a 2-1 defeat against a Chelsea XI on Monday night.

Three new players have joined the ranks in the last week as well, with striker Sam Gallagher brought in on loan from Southampton, centre back Matthew Upson signing a one-year deal after being released by Premier League Leicester City last season, and Real Madrid Castilla captain and midfielder Sergio Aguza joining.

Aguza and Peru international Cristian Benavente are awaiting international clearance before they can play for Dons.

Yesterday fans' favourite Keith Andrews, who lifted the Johnstone's Paint Trophy and League Two title with Dons back in 2008, was confirmed as a full-time first-team coach at the club.

Football legend Jay-Jay Okocha could be set for Wolverton Town

FORMER World Cup and Premier League star Jay-Jay Okocha could be on the verge of a shock move to amateur side Wolverton Town, after playing for their reserve side last week.

Okocha, 41, played 45 minutes for Wolverton's reserves against Arlesey Town reserves last week, but has not yet decided on whether to make a permanent move to the Milton Keynes club.

Amanda Keech, chairperson of Wolverton Town, said: "He did play 45 minutes last week for us but we can't say either way whether he will sign yet.

"He is friends with somebody who coaches the club and could be helping out with pre-season training with the players.

"We will be able to say more once he has decided."

Okocha started his career with Bundesliga side Eintracht Frankfurt before spells at European giants Fenerbahçe and Paris Saint-Germain.

Premier League fans will remember him from his time at Bolton Wanderers, during which he made more than 100 Premier League appearances.

He also helped Hull City win promotion from the Championship in 2008, after playing 18 times for the Yorkshire side.

Okocha also made 73 appearances for Nigeria, playing in both the 1998 and 2002 World Cups and captained his country for nearly four years.

With Nigeria he won the 1994 African Cup of Nations and a gold medal at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

He was named Nigerian Footballer of the Year no fewer than seven times and was even named in the Fifa 100 – Pele's list of the top 100 greatest living footballers.